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- 25X1X 1. Between 13 March and 1 April 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
13 March	39	Cellulose
	42	Canned food, dehydrated vegetables
	37	Unspecified (closed cars)
	39	RR cars, new
	41	Lumber
	34	German passenger cars, new, without tires
14 March	36	Soap products, candles
	125	Unspecified (closed cars)
	37	Iron beams, frames and waste
	41	RR tank cars, guarded
15 March	41	Cellulose
	77	Unspecified (closed cars)
	42	Cement mixers, new
	30	Military personnel, approximately 1000 men
	38	German automobiles, new
	40	Unspecified (large wooden boxes)
16 March	44	Textiles
	76	Unspecified (closed cars)
	42	RR cars, new
	40	Lumber
17 March	84	Unspecified (closed cars)
	38	Dehydrated vegetables
	41	Unspecified (including new refrigerator cars)
	29	Military personnel, approx. 900
	40	RR cars, new
18 March	38	Iron beams and rails
	75	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	Glassware
	44	Textiles
	38	German passenger cars and trucks
	34	RR tank cars, guarded

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
19 March	150	Unspecified (closed cars)
	44	Macaroni and dehydrated vegetables
	40	Machines, crated
	29	Military personnel, approx. 750
20 March	79	Unspecified (closed cars)
	36	Unspecified (including refrigerator cars)
	40	RR cars, loaded
21 March	42	Machines, new, crated
	40	Canned food, dehydrated vegetables
	67	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	RR cars, new (loaded)
	37	RR tracks
	34	Large boxes of unspecified content, and cable drums
22 March	101	Unspecified (closed cars)
	38	Textiles
	39	Lumber and barracks parts
	34	RR ties and scrap iron
23 March	29	Military personnel, approx. 1100
	38	Textiles
	73	Unspecified (closed cars)
	37	Paper
	38	Agricultural machines
24 March	31	German automobiles, new
	34	Soap products, candles
	79	Unspecified (closed cars)
	44	Lumber
	40	Iron rails, beams, and masts
25 March	29	Military personnel, approx. 900
	37	Canned food
	71	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	Agricultural machines
	41	RR tank cars, guarded
26 March	40	Glassware
	44	Textiles
	37	Unspecified
	40	Machine parts
	37	Barracks parts
	30	Military personnel, approx. 1000
	37	Soap products
27 March	74	Unspecified (closed cars)
	38	Lumber
	40	Iron masts and frames
	37	Construction and cement machines
	120	Unspecified (closed cars)
28 March	37	Agricultural equipment
	38	RR ties
	40	Unspecified (closed cars)
29 March	41	Glassware
	37	Canned food, dehydrated vegetables
	39	RR tank cars, guarded
	39	RR ties
	29	Military transport, approx. 1200 men
	39	Glassware and chinaware
30 March	75	Unspecified (closed cars)
	39	Barracks parts, lumber
	42	RR tracks
	45	Large machines

The military transports were assembled in Frankfurt/Oder and were made up of men going to Russia on furlough.

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2. During the same period, i.e. between 13 March and 1 April, 90 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
13 March	36	Prisoners of war, approx. 1300
	30	Military personnel, approx. 500 men
15 March	36	Prisoners of war, approx. 1400
16 March	28	Military transports, approx. 700 men
17 March	32	Prisoners of war, approx. 1250
18 March	26	Military transport, approx. 350 men
20 March	28	Military transport, approx. 300 men
	32	Prisoners of war, approx. 1300
23 March	38	Prisoners of war, approx. 1500
	28	Military personnel, approx. 500 men
25 March	29	Military personnel, approx. 700
26 March	Approx. 180	Prisoners of war, approx. 6000
	28	Military personnel, approx. 700
28 March	36	Civilian internees, mostly women and children, approx. 1000 persons
29 March	36	Prisoners of war, approx. 1400
30 March	28	Military personnel, approx. 350 men

The military transports consisted of men returning from furlough in Russia.

3. Between 16 March and 1 April, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Forst and Guben:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
16 March	18	Approx. 3000 bicycles, new
17 March	22	Agricultural machines, new
19 March	14	Large compressors, new
	8	Sewing machines, new
21 March	20	Electro-motors, new
	16	Agricultural machines, new
22 March	14	German locomotives, overhauled
24 March	16	Motorcycles, new, approx. 300
28 March	10	Artificial silk and cellulose fabrics
	18	Machines, crated

4. Additional transports of interest, passing through Elsterwerda between 16 March and 1 April to points indicated below, are the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
16 March	20	MVD members to be used in the mining area	Hoyerswerda
17 March	32	Resettlers from East Prussia to be used for uranium mining operations	Aue
18 March	22	Russian dependents, approx. 400 - 500	Pirna
19 March	22	Young soldiers, approx. 500, equipped with weapons and signal equipment	Bodenbach (Podmokly)
21 March	26	Russian dependents, approx. 600	Pirna
	14	Anti-aircraft detachment, equipped with guns	Klotzsche
22 March	22	Airplanes, repaired, approx. 30	Klotzsche

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Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
28 March	15	Civilians drafted for mining operations, approx. 250	Senftenberg
29 March	14	117D soldiers, approx. 200	Bautzen
1 April	32	Soldiers, equipped with weapons, approx. 800	Bodenbach

No large-scale troop transports to Czechoslovakia were observed between 15 March and 1 April; however, an increase in civilian transports was reported. Source himself observed only a few such transports. For further information on troop movements into Czechoslovakia.)

5. Between 17 March and 1 April, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
18 March	22	Canned food and other food stuffs
20 March	18	Wood constructions and plaster
23 March	18	Textiles
	26	Russian dependents
26 March	26	Russian dependents
	32	RR ties and rails
29 March	24	Wooden houses

6. In addition, the following transports to the points indicated below were observed passing through Zossen between 17 March and 1 April:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
17 March	32	Resettlers from East Prussia	Aue
20 March	32	Young soldiers, approx. 800	Wuensdorf
22 March	26	Light rocket projector or mortar section, approx. 30	Wuensdorf
23 March	22	Signal detachment	Wuensdorf
29 March	38	Leave train, approx. 800 men (Classes 1915 - 1918)	Pasevalk
	22	Factory equipment, accompanied by German technicians, presumably from AEG	Cottbus
1 April	30	Young soldiers, approx. 1000	Wuensdorf

Field exercises have been held on the Wuensdorf troop training grounds since 15 March and 5,000 men are said to be participating. Residents report having seen light mortars and emplacements occupied by Russian machine guns, as well as signal squads. According to Russian soldiers, the training course will last four weeks. Colonel Silshko is said to be in charge.

7. Between 24 March and 5 April, the following transports passed through Kuostin-Kiets on their way to Iasterburg:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
24 March	111	Scrap iron
	105	Baracks parts
	60	Lumber
25 March	55	Officers, dependents, and such luggage
	105	Iron tracks, beams, and facts
27 March	120	Baracks parts
	55	Machine parts
	55	Lumber
28 March	115	Scrap iron
	118	Baracks parts
	55	Cement
29 March	118	Lumber
	110	Cement

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
30 March	57	Machine parts, iron beams, rails and nests
	60	Barracks parts
31 March	115	Iron parts
	60	Lumber
1 April	58	Cement
2 April	55	Scrap iron
3 April	111	Iron beams, rails, and nests
	60	Barracks parts
4 April	57	Iron beams, rails, and nests
5 April	57	Cement

During the same period, i.e., between 24 March and 5 April, 32 empty trains returned from Insterburg and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany. There were also two trains carrying German refugees from East Prussia to Passau.

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